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Vicki Brooker photo

All hands in the air at Karate-Do

Elk Point Recreation Department was excited with the huge response to their town-sponsored Karate-Do lessons for beginners, offered free of charge for all interested individuals age six and up. Over 60 students stretched, punched and kicked their way through Wednesday's first class, instructed by Ryan Poitras (on stage).

Extravaganza focus on shopping local

Lack of volunteer time prompts reality check on Christmas kick-off activities

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce took a look back to the earlier years of their Christmas Extravaganza at last week's organizational meeting, when minimal attendance forced a reality check on the possibilities for this year's kickoff to the Christmas season, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 25.

"We either need a solid commitment from our volunteers or we can't do it at all," was the general consensus from the eight individuals in attendance.

"We have lots of great ideas, but no one to carry them out," commented chamber president Sandy Smith, who has chaired the event for the past few years. Last year featured

some new youth-oriented events, but they were not without problems, and even the traditional events did not go smoothly, with entertainment canceling out at the last minute and only a handful of entries in the Winter Wonderland Parade.

Even with the problems, no one wanted to totally abandon the event, but instead to focus on the positives and do what can be done without a large outlay of volunteer time.

Because the chamber's main role is to support local businesses, it was suggested to put the emphasis back on shopping locally, by hosting a late-night shopping event that was the original focus of Extravaganza. Then the organizers looked at other events that would require the least

volunteer time and effort to carry out.

Denise Bjorkman and Cheri Lindquist of F. G. Miller High School said plans were already in place for their involvement. Bjorkman coordinates the annual craft sale and book fair, and invited the chamber to locate their Photos with Santa at the school as well. Local photographer Leanne Gilbert has indicated that she is ready and willing to do the photos once again, and Bjorkman is hopeful that she can find the 10 volunteers necessary to assist with collecting fees, printing photos and placing them in folders. The time frame will change somewhat from past years, as the venue would not be available until after school hours.

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Chamber back at work after summer break

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce got back down to business last week after an extended summer break, with a full dozen members around the table for the first meeting of the new season.

The chamber has now received their long-awaited



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She has visited our constituency many times,
and I am confident that she understands our needs
and challenges, as well as the unique attributes of
our communities. I look forward to welcoming
Premier Redford back to our area soon.

\$20,000 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant for operation of the Visitor Information Eco Centre, and discussed the possibility of hiring help to do facility maintenance, from cleaning washrooms to shoveling snow, on an ongoing basis. The chamber will also get quotes to get one of the outdoor-access washrooms completed, and due to lack of storage in the facility, will turn the second wash-room space into a storeroom.

Installation of the solar lighting tubes is also planned in the near future.

The grant will also help the chamber to move forward with plans to host seminars on the use of green energy.

"More training in innovative technology is part of our mandate," Paul Pelletier of Community Futures St. Paul – Smoky Lake Region told the chamber, offering to help with planning, and indicated that grants for this type of educational seminars may be available.

Myron Goyan reminded the chamber of the Eco Centre's close ties with Lakeland College, and that seminars may also be available through the college.

Chamber president Sandy Smith said her hope is to start the seminars in January 2012.

Town update

Mayor Parrish Tung gave the chamber an update on the positive direction town council is taking.

"We're getting serious about using the \$500,000 grant" obtained with the assistance of MLA Ray Danyluk for trail

development, the mayor said. "The solar lights on 54 Street should be in by late October or early November," to increase safety for those using the walking loop during the year's shortest days.

Design for a lighted walking trail along 50 Ave. west of 54 Street to the rural intersection has now been done, and will put to tender in early spring. The design is also complete for a trail across the valley to the Elk Point Recreation Park and golf course.

The town's next project, Mayor Tung reported, is the construction of an additional sewage lagoon, as the current facility is at maximum capacity. The new lagoon, with a price tag in the half-million-dollar range, is "an urgent thing, and has to be done in the spring. Two thirds of the cost is eligible for government funding, Goyan noted.

A major paving project for industrial park roads was priced at \$1.2 million when Mayor Tung first was elected to council 10 years ago, he said, "but there was no MSI then," and the town could not foresee having the necessary funds. That cost has now risen to "around \$4 million, but we have to make a serious effort to do it," depending on the continuation of MSI!

"This project doesn't come out of municipal tax dollars," Mayor Tung assured the chamber. "We do have federal government money from the gas tax and provincial road grants. When we are sure of stable funding from the government, we will borrow the money for the project."

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Extravaganza planners take a step back

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Lindquist said FGM's 2012 grad class is willing to do both the 50-50 draw and post-Extravaganza clean-up.

Bonfires have been part of the event since the beginning, and the organizers anticipate the usual good cooperation from the town's public works crew and the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters that has made a crackling fire one of the

popular features of the evening.

The organizers hope to find a business or group willing to serve the chamber's free hot chocolate throughout the evening.

Wagon rides have always proved popular, and Lynall Slywka agreed to look into arrangements for this part of the program. Last year, tractors pulled the wagons instead of horses, but the

endless lineups of riders didn't seem to mind the change. It was noted that each wagon must have at least one supervisor riding on it at all times to ensure safety and curb rowdy behaviour. Once again, riders age six and under must be accompanied by an adult. Because teamsters or tractor operators and the ride supervisors are hired, this feature now does not

require volunteers.

Last year's Extravaganza Passport required considerable volunteer effort, but is being reworked this year and will become part of the event flyer. Instead of covering an extended time period as it did last year, shoppers will have only from the opening time of each business on Extravaganza day until 10 p.m. that evening to fill the spaces on their passport and deposit it in a central draw box. Other proposed changes to the passport include one stamp per business, for a minimum \$20 purchase, and only five spaces to fill.

Minimal participation made the parade an easy feature to drop, and the difficulty in finding entertainers who were willing to brave the cold and perform outdoors also made short work of crossing the stage show off the list. However, one feature of the evening that none of the organizers were ready to give up was the fireworks display, and the chamber will once again seek out the expertise of Doug Bassett in making the arrangements for this year's fabulous finale.

The organizing committee will meet again on Oct. 26 to report on their progress, and other features may be added to the Extravaganza lineup at that time.

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Cross-country runners compete at zones

BY JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

It was a great day to run last Thursday, and when all was said and done, two local schools would claim zone banners in cross country running, on home turf at Westcove.

In the 1A division, Mallaig School would take the zone banner. Overall, the day went as expected, said coach Ian MacGillivray. It was a close race between the area's other top 1A school, Glendon.

Almost all of MacGillivray's athletes improved on their times from the SPAA championships a week prior, also held at Westcove. Seeing the students continually improving is the goal, says the coach.

The next goal is, of course, to bring back the 1A provincial banner for cross country running, a feat the school's cross country running team has accomplished in the past. MacGillivray predicts that again, the students' biggest competition at provincials will be the neighbouring Glendon athletes.

On the 3A side of things, it would be none other than St. Paul Regional High School that would take the zone banner for the 10th year in a row.

The school can now boast that it officially has a "dynasty," says coach Hank Smid.

He says that the school has a good group of kids advancing to provincials in the Medicine Hat area, with the majority being female athletes. The provincial competition will be a tough one, since the local high school will be competing against much larger schools in its division.

But, "we've got some really strong kids," and anything is possible. The team has come close to winning a provincial championship in the past, with a few second and third place finishes.

As the host school, Smid says the event last Thursday was very successful. It was the first time that zones had been hosted at Westcove. The weather was good, and there were "some good competitions, some really fast runners," says Smid.

Banner winners of the 2A category were Kitscoty



school, while Westwood School, Fort McMurray, took the 4A banner.

In total, 240 athletes competed in the cross country running event and the top 18 finishers in each category have the opportunity to advance to provincials. Gold, silver and bronze medals were also awarded in each category.

Top three finishers in each category include:

Junior girls:

- 1st - Channele Gagne (St. Paul Regional High School)
- 2nd - Hayley Smid (St. Paul Regional High School)
- 3rd - Nicole Kitt (St. Paul Regional High School)

Intermediate girls:

- 1st - Dana Lychak (New Mymam)
- 2nd - Ashley Wozniak (F. G. Miller)
- 3rd - Leigha Bishop (St. Paul Regional)

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Kelsey Lindquist of F.G. Miller High School (left) finished in 10th place in the senior girls category at cross country zones last week. The event took place at Westcove, near St. Paul, and included over 200 athletes.

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EDITORIAL

Volunteers always there

There cannot be any volunteer organization that demands as much of its members as the Volunteer Fire Department.

The chamber of commerce may be run off their feet at the Canada Day breakfast and may scurry around getting ready for Extravaganza, the library board and Friends of the Library may have tired feet from working a big bingo, and the Community Lions may be working flat out this week on their Dinner for Diamonds and later wrapping gifts for Santas Anonymous, but none of these volunteer duties even begin to compare with those undertaken by our firefighters.

Arena booth shifts may be tedious and/or hectic, but is much warmer and considerably safer than the firemen directing traffic around a vehicle crash on an icy highway. Setting up stalls and corralling wayward steers is not fun for our 4-H leaders, but is much less physically and emotionally challenging than taking the Jaws of Life to a smashed vehicle. Boiling pyrohy for a church or Ukrainian Dance supper is hot work, but can't compare to fighting the pressure of a fire hose aimed at a burning building.

Any day or night, any time, whatever the emergency, they're there to serve the community. Bless them all.

Way Back When...

Fire prevention, fundraising and fleet upgrade

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 11 IN...

1986

A fan-out telephone system was put in place to alert businesses in Elk Point and the surrounding oil patch to potential problems, with RCMP Sgt. Jim Fell introducing the system at a chamber of commerce meeting, where the membership voted to suspend chamber meetings until January. Excited children clambered over Elk Point's fire trucks when the Volunteer Fire Department held a Fire Prevention Week open house.

1991

Elk Point's midget hockey team was prepared to 'Thunder'ed into the season. Heinsburg School opened their handsome new playground, the result of a year of fundraising and community effort.

1996

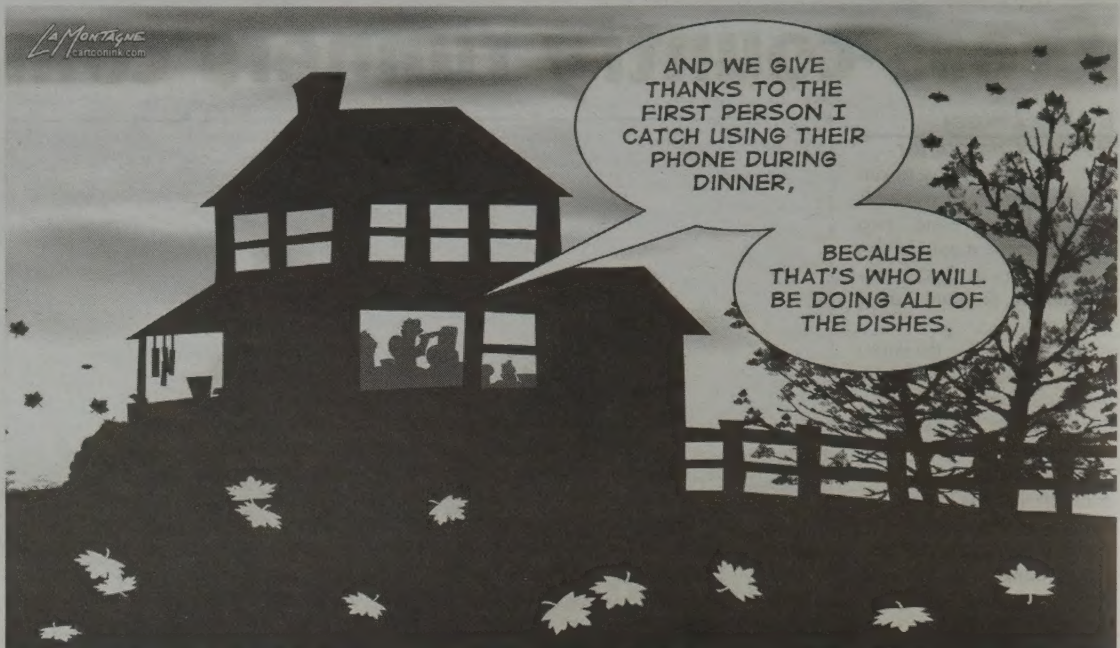
Decreased income and increased utility costs ate a hole in the chamber of commerce treasury, with that group operating at a deficit despite spending \$535 less on tourist booth staffing than the previous year. The County of St. Paul was upgrading their fleet of road equipment with the addition of 12 brand-new machines to replace aging graders dating back to the 1970s.

2001

Town council and mayoral candidates faced the electors at a forum moderated by chamber of commerce president Eugene Buck. CN Rail's commitment to environmental cleanup of the abandoned rail line paved the way for 10 municipalities to sign a land deal agreement on the property.

2006

A new rescue van joined Elk Point's emergency lineup, as the volunteer firefighters achieved their \$267,546 goal just in time for Fire Prevention Week. Jason Fisher of Elk Point and District Ambulance told the chamber of commerce that he hoped to add a unit with advanced life support and a paramedic on board for response to more critical calls.



GUEST COLUMN

Surprise, surprise

For those people voting on Saturday, October 1, for the new Premier-designate, or new leader in the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party, the results were not made until 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Premier-designate Alison Redford was declared the winning candidate. She defeated front runner Gary Mar by 1,613 votes, capturing 51 per cent of the vote in a run-off of preferential ballots. Mar was actually more than 4,200 votes ahead of Redford on the ballots which asked voters to name their first choice as party leader. But since neither attained more than 50 per cent support, third place contender Doug Horner was dropped from the race and the party tabulated who his voters listed as their second choice. More than 8,100 of Horner's supporters went for Redford, compared with about 2,250 for Mar. When those votes were added to the total, Redford emerged with a narrow, 1,600-vote victory.

After the surprise, comes the reality.

Who is Alison Redford? She is 46, female, an accomplished lawyer with a sharp, searing intellect, and a person who has spent her life globe-trotting.

Redford's path to political office in Alberta is far different from that of most politicians. She was born in Kitimat, B.C., while her father Merrill trained as an electrician. The family moved to Nova Scotia, and then Borneo, where her father worked for oil drilling companies. Her father was originally from Turner Valley and when Redford was 12, the family returned to the Calgary area.

Redford discovered an interest in politics in her teens. After completing a law degree at the University of Saskatchewan, she worked on Parliament Hill – initially as a policy adviser to cabinet minister Joe Clark, then in Brian Mulroney's office. The Mulroney government's vocal opposition to the apartheid regime gave Redford contacts that would lead her to a job as an adviser on constitutional and legal reform issues in South Africa. There, she worked alongside Nelson Mandela following his release from decades of prison in 1990. Redford helped rebuild the country's legal structure following the dismantling of

apartheid. She helped co-ordinate the first all-race elections in 1994, from which Mandela became the first black president. She remembers seniors lining up in the hot sun of small villages for days on end, waiting for their first chance to vote. She was impressed by what she saw as "an amazing ability for people to be resilient."

Although Redford would return to Calgary, she travelled to provide legal advice in countries such as Vietnam, Bosnia and the Philippines. In 2005, she was appointed as an international election commissioner to help administer Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections.

In 2008, Premier Ed Stelmach appointed her as Alberta's first female justice minister. In the years since, Redford said she often sat in cabinet, listening to decisions and discussions, and thinking, "Boy, I wish I was premier."

Redford acknowledges she may have a different perspective than most politicians, in part because of her role as mother to her nine-year-old daughter, Sarah. "When we're talking about education or health care, I'm going to look at the world differently than a lot of the people, a lot of my cabinet colleagues. Maybe that's because I'm a woman. It's probably because I'm 46 and I have young kids."

Premier-designate Alison Redford spent six years helping rebuild South Africa's legal system in the 1990s, and some of her most vivid memories are of people running orphanages and women's shelters with "nothing" in the way of cash. What surprised her was when she started travelling Alberta in recent years as a politician, and discovered similar situations here.

"I found women who were working in Red Deer at domestic-violence shelters that are hardly able to pull a budget together every month to keep staff in place," Redford recalled last month in the middle of her campaign for the PC party leadership.

"I can see people in South Africa having to work like that," she said. "But people in Alberta shouldn't have to work like that. I mean, we have the oil sands." Redford said that realization illustrates why she wanted to be premier – a strong belief that "we should be able to do so much better."

Congratulations, Alison, on winning the leadership race and becoming premier. May you be able to follow up with what is best for the people of Alberta. Our best wishes go out to you.



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from the FCSS desk

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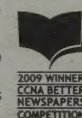
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Canada

Alberta HUB sees opportunities with eastern trade corridor

By Tim Banman

Review Contributor

Alberta HUB wants to see more movement through the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor and will co-host a workshop to encourage business and industry to attract "foreign direct investors."

Mark Baxter with Outlook Market Research will speak on attracting foreign direct investors to eastern Alberta at the Legion Hall in St. Paul on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The workshop will include a light lunch and can be registered for by calling 645-1155. The cost is \$25 and up to 60 people can attend.

The foreign direct investment sought includes provincial, national or international investors.

"When people are marketing their products, we want to make sure they are aware of what companies are looking for," said Alberta HUB manager Bob Bezpalko.

The workshop will address tips on how to sell commercial lands along Highways 36 and 42 and how to market commercial and industrial property in communities.

The workshop is geared to HUB members, real estate

professionals, business people and people who own land along the highways, said Bezpalko.

The Battle River Alliance for Economic Development, Palliser Economic Partnership and Alberta Real Estate Association are also supporting the workshop.

The workshop will address the proposed Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor, what it is and its value and objectives, said Bezpalko. While the focus of the corridor is north-south, it also applies to east-west connections on Highway 16, 45, 28 and 29, said Bezpalko.

Encouraging freight to travel through eastern Alberta also opens tourism opportunities as more people see the area and may return, Bezpalko said.

HUB continues to lobby the federal government to open the Wild Horse border crossing on Highway 41. The Highway 2 corridor south of Calgary is the most known and the only 24-hour border crossing, notes Bezpalko.

"Besides freight for oil and gas, there is incredible movement for agricultural products," said Bezpalko. "We're lobbying hard to get that pass opened up 24-hours because for trucking companies, time is money."

The trade corridor will include Highways 36, 41 and 63 and reach from the south end of the R.M. of Wood Buffalo to the U.S. border, and is part of the "Ports to Plains" corridor to connect Canada to Mexico.



NOTICE OF HEARING SUBDIVISION APPLICATION APPEAL

As per Section 686(3) of the Municipal Government Act

An appeal has been filed against a decision of the Development Authority of the County of St. Paul No. 19 on:

Legal Description: NW 20-56-5-W4th

Proposal: Intensive Recreation within the Agricultural land use district for the purpose of an outdoor shooting range.

Reasons for Appeal: The development would adversely affect property values and cause issues for livestock and wildlife in the area. Safety and policing of the proposed development are also major concerns.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the County of St. Paul No. 19 will be holding a hearing to consider the appeal at the following place and time:

Place: County Council Chambers
County Administration Building
5015-49 Avenue
St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A4

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The appellant(s), the applicant(s), the land owner(s) and person(s) who claim to be affected by the decision or the development application may make a submission to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for it to consider when it makes its decision on the appeal.

To make a submission, you may do so in writing to the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board before the hearing takes place, or you may appear at the hearing and ask to speak.

For further information on the appeal, or to view the appeal file, contact the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at the County Administration Building, 5015-49 Avenue, St. Paul, during regular business hours.

Tim Mahdiuk, Secretary
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Hunter-harvested deer heads wanted for CWD testing

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Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a serious fatal disease, particularly in mule deer, white-tailed deer, and elk. It belongs to a group of prion diseases associated with damage to the brain tissue. Transmission occurs from deer to deer, and infectious material survives in the environment for an unknown period. There is no evidence that CWD infects humans.

In Western Canada, the

first case of CWD in wild deer was detected in western Saskatchewan in 2000. It was introduced into Saskatchewan via infected game farm elk imported from the United States and then spilled over into wild deer in Saskatchewan. Alberta Fish and Wildlife began a CWD surveillance program in 1998 to detect the disease among wild deer. Annual collections resulted in the first wild deer in Alberta testing positive in 2005.

To date 94 positive cases in wild deer in Alberta have been detected. Over 40,000 wild deer and elk have been tested and the infection rate, even in the border region, remains very low. Most positive individuals were in very good to excellent body condition and showed no signs of infection.

The CWD surveillance program relies on heads of hunter-killed deer submitted from targeted areas of concern in eastern Alberta. A positive case identified in

the North Saskatchewan River valley of Alberta in 2010 suggests recent expansion of the disease. In an effort to detect further possible expansion, deer head submissions are encouraged from areas along the Alberta – Saskatchewan border, particularly, Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 501 and 514.

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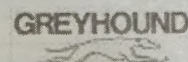
Beginning October 17, Influenza Immunization will be available, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age & older.

Upcoming Clinics

Date/Time		Location
Tuesday, Oct. 18	9:00am – 3:00pm	Pioneers Seniors Centre
Thursday, Oct. 27	2:00pm – 7:00pm	5018 – 48 Street
Wednesday, Nov. 2	2:00pm – 7:00pm	Elk Point, Alberta
Tuesday, Oct. 18	10:00am – 3:00pm	Fishing Lake Community Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 25	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Sputinow, Alberta
Thursday, Nov. 3	10:00am – 12:00pm	

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A salute to our Volunteer Firefighters



Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department turned out in full force and shined up their entire lineup to participate in Elk Point's 2011 Canada Day Parade.

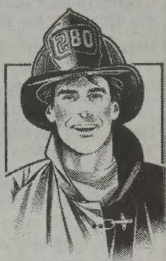
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Message from the Fire Commissioner

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Research on home fires show that in as little as three minutes, a fire can become deadly to the occupants due to toxic smoke when synthetic materials in drapes, carpeting, and furniture burn.

A well-trained and well-equipped urban fire service will reach a burning home in seven minutes or more after a call is received. This may be too late to save occupants who could already be overcome by toxic smoke. It is everyone's responsibility to prevent fires in the home and ensure their own safe evacuation.

Fire Prevention Week reminds all Albertans about the tragedies and loss fires can cause. More importantly, it reminds Albertans about the ways they can prevent fires and protect themselves and their families.

I encourage everyone to visit our interactive website at www.3minutedrill.alberta.ca where you can learn more about home fire safety.

Let's make Alberta a fire safe province!

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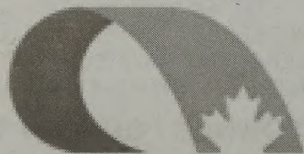
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Rescue Captain Robert Smith took a few minutes out from flipping pancakes at Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters' Good Friday breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt to welcome the large and enthusiastic crowd who took part in the second annual event.

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A SALUTE TO OUR BRAVEST

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Fire Prevention Week
October 9 - 15, 2011

on behalf of

County of St. Paul No. 19

Council & Staff





Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department members ready for action at last week's practice were, left to right: Deputy Chief Lyle Frisby, firefighter Ken Dion, Rescue Captain Robert Smith, Town Captain Mark Gormley, firefighter Kurtis Kulczycki, Rapid Response Captain Jordan Cousins, firefighter Mike Ernst, recruit Matthew Fedechko, firefighter Kole Boyko, Pumper Captain Darryl O'Reilly, recruit Colter Chapman and Fire Chief Ken Palamarek. Not shown are Tanker Captain Jon Kadutski, Secretary Andrew Morin and firefighters Peter Danyluk, Angela Gould, Troy Goreski, Shane Kossey, Jon Schmidt, Kent Boyko and Andrew Priddle, recruit Tim Goreski and student Jeff Young.

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- 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme



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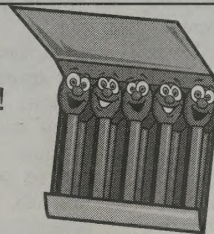
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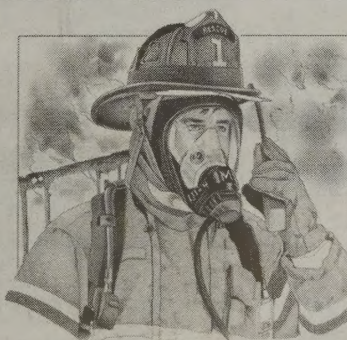
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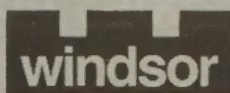
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Lions falter in Bonnyville

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Less than a week after their victory against the Voyageurs at home in St. Paul, the Lions football team travelled to Bonnyville for the second part of a two-game home-and-home series. But, to the dismay of the Lions, the results were not quite the same on Thursday night, and the Lions lost by a final score of 37-27.

"It was a disappointing loss," said coach Todd Tanasichuk after the game.

He admits the boys knew it would be a tough game, and coaches tried to prepare the team mentally for the rematch. Just because the Lions won 35-2 the week before didn't mean anything leading into last week's game, said Tanasichuk.

The top four or five teams in the league are very equally matched, and "Anybody can win on any given day," he said.

Thursday's game started as a complete role reversal of the week prior. The Voyageurs came out strong and the Lions "came out very flat." With three minutes left in the first half, the

Lions would be down 30-7. A touchdown by the Lions started to close the gap and the score was 30-14 at half.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Lions would come out strong in the fourth and scored two touchdowns, bringing the team within three points of the Voyageurs. With just minutes left in the game, the Lions had the ball in Voyageurs' territory, but a slipup would cause a turnover and three plays

later, the Voyageurs would score a final touchdown to put the game away.

"We were quite excited that we came back," said Tanasichuk. "It felt like we were going to win."

But, the Lions "paid the price for not being mentally ready to play," said the coach. Overall, the team still feels good about where they're at and the boys learned an important lesson last week. "We have to play the whole game to be suc-

cessful."

Once again, Mark Proskiwi had a great game as receiver and Dale Krankowsky ran the ball well, says Tanasichuk. Overall, the Lions played hard and stayed in the game for the most part.

Tanasichuk commended the Voyageurs for making some adjustments within the team and on the way the team played last week.

In the end, "they played better than we did."



Submitted photo

Dale Krankowsky carries the ball.

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Influenza campaign kicks off next week

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Alberta Health Services is encouraging as many Albertans as possible over the age of six months to take advantage of this year's influenza vaccine, which will be made available locally starting next week.

Last week, Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta Health Services' (AHS) senior medical officer of health, held a media conference to discuss this year's influenza campaign. He emphasized that getting the influenza vaccine not only protects the person receiving the vaccine, but also protects the community around that person.

"It's all about protecting people around you," said Predy.

The influenza campaign, according to Predy, is an important part of the province's strategy to reduce wait times in the ER and take pressure off the overall health care system.

Since 2009, when the H1N1 pandemic occurred, the province has been offering universal coverage of the influenza vaccine, which means that all Albertans over the age of six months are eligible to receive it.

AHS is still concerned that there aren't as many people taking advantage of the vaccine as it would like to see. The province's goal is to see one third of the population vaccinated, but that is not yet the case.

There are a number of reasons why Albertans do

not get vaccinated, said Predy. For example people often think that because they were safe from influenza last year, there is no need for the vaccine this year.

Although influenza may not be a cause for concern for many otherwise healthy people, it's those same people who can pass on the virus, which can cause serious problems for other individuals.

"A lot of people don't get vaccinated because they think they're healthy," said Predy. Another reason people refuse the vaccine is because "a lot of people are not comfortable getting needles," he added.

This year, AHS is conducting a trial run of a newly approved influenza vaccine that comes in a

nasal spray. The vaccine itself is safe and has gone through all necessary testing, explained Predy, but it's the logistics of how to administer the vaccine that needs to be worked out.

Also part of this year's campaign is the use of social media.

"I don't think we have used some of the social media as well as we should," said Predy. He feels the province needs to take advantage of social networking sites, such as Twitter, to spread the word.

"We're going to try to do things differently and see how that works."

Currently, there are three different strains of influenza that are included in the vaccine, and H1N1 is still one of them. The government also continues to monitor the Avian Flu virus (H5N1), but does not believe it is an immediate threat, said Predy.

Typically, influenza season in Alberta runs from late October to April, and no significant influenza activity has been recorded so far this year. Peak times for influenza are typically in

late December and early January.

Like usual, AHS recommends proper hand washing to lessen the spread of influenza. Also, Predy recommends people get a lot of rest, eat healthy and exercise regularly. In addition, if you are showing symptoms of influenza, stay home.

Influenza vaccine clinics in the area include:

Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre - Oct. 18, Oct.

27, Nov. 2, Nov. 8
St. Paul Recreation Centre - Oct. 19, 20, 21, Nov. 23, 24
St. Paul Community Health Services - Nov. 19
St. Paul Co-op Mall - Nov. 1, 2
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Elk Point Auxiliary report

By BERNICE CAPJACK
President

The Vials of Life have been placed in the Drugstore that is on Main Street.

If your important information has changed you may pick up a new form at the Drugstore and some magnets if you wish. Because your mediation and

state of health may change it is important to keep this up to date.

The important items of the meeting included purchasing new articles for the canteen, cutting of rags at the November meeting, new forms for expenses, some items that are required like new clocks, a chair etc. A safety issue was raised and

discussed and a letter will be discussed with the director.

New members are welcomed. If you would like to attend a meeting and see what we are all about feel free to come to the Healthcare Center at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2011. For more information phone Bernice at 780 724-3058

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Data from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency show that many homes have smoke alarms that do not activate when smoke is present, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Lack of a power source is the main reason why smoke alarms don't work properly.

Many homes in Alberta may not have any smoke alarms, not enough smoke alarms, alarms that are too old, or alarms that are not working. A "working" smoke alarm will beep when smoke is present or when the test button is pressed, has a power source (battery or household electric circuit), is not plugged by dust, cob-webs or paint. Alberta's fire commissioner recommends that working smoke alarms are installed in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.

Age matters

If a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced.

Types of alarms

Experts agree that interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, others in the home also activate which helps quicken a family's response to smoke and fire. There are also wireless interconnected smoke alarms on the market and these are easy to install by the homeowner. Newer model battery-operated smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries do not require the annual battery replacement, however, they must be tested once a month to ensure they are in working condition. Specially designed smoke alarms for the hearing and visually impaired are also available.

Is your smoke alarm in good working order?

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove the batteries or disable a smoke alarm.

Smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Smoke alarms save lives. However, people who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be able to depend on the traditional smoke alarm to alert them to a fire. Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Strobe lights throughout the home are activated by smoke detectors and alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing. When people who are deaf or hard of hearing are asleep, a high intensity strobe light is required along with a pillow or bed shaker to wake them up and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. Currently, this equipment is activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm.

Hunter-harvested deer

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Submissions are mandatory for deer harvested in WMU's 258 and 500.

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CWD results are provided to hunters via www.albertarelm.com. For more information contact Barb Maile, Wildlife Biologist, 780-

645-6335 or consult the Fish & Wildlife CWD website at www.srd.alberta.ca/FishWildlife/WildlifeDiseases/ChronicWastingDisease.

Deer heads can be dropped off at Speedee Mart in St. Paul, King's Husky Truckstop in Elk Point, Euchuk Service Centre in Two Hills, Quick-E-Mart in Heinsburg, Beaver River Fish and Game in Bonnyville and the Feed Store in Cold Lake.

Chamber back at work

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The town would be debt-free as of Oct. 15, mayor said, "but infrastructure has to be done. It's not pretty, but we have to bite the bullet."

Mayor Tung told the chamber he is "very optimistic" about Pengrowth's planned developments at the former Murphy Oil site, and hopes that local businesses will benefit from the project. However, he noted, "What our businesses get from them is up to individual businesses."

He is encouraging Pengrowth to attend next September's Information Night, and has suggested a career fair for high school students to encourage them to enter the programs that would help fill the company's need for skilled workers.

Grant writing workshop

Pelletier reminded chamber members about the Oct. 18 grant writing workshop in Elk Point, to be hosted by Community Futures and facilitated by Richard Larsen, a community development officer with the Government of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit. Elk Point's Economic Development Committee has offered to reimburse one individual's fee for the workshop for each non-profit group and service club in the community.

Pelletier also briefly outlined the role of Community Futures in encouraging business development.

New businesses

Goyan praised local business owners, such as Nigel and Kandus LaFrance, who have just opened the drug-store in their new, three-business facility, as well as those such as the Porcinas who have been in business for a number of years, for "investing in our community."

Cross-country runners

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NEAJBHL president excited for new season

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

The 2011-12 North East Alberta Junior B Hockey League has officially dropped the puck on its regular season, with games in a handful of arenas across northeastern Alberta.

"It's always exciting this time of year," says league President Aaron Rawlake, last week. He adds that it felt like the last season only just finished. Overall, Rawlake believes that "this season is going to be exciting, but it's going to be different."

The president has been busy helping answer questions fielded by the seven new coaches in the league. He admits that in past seasons he's been lucky, with most coaches already having some experience coaching in the league. This season,

only two of the nine teams in the league have coached in the NEAJBHL.

And along with the new coaching staff come a lot of new team managers also, which meant Rawlake was busy getting everyone "in the swing of things" as far as

getting information out about league rules and registration.

This year, there are no league-specific rule changes to be aware of, thanks to a bunch of changes that were made a couple seasons ago.

"We made a rash of

changes a couple years ago to tighten up on some things," explains Rawlake, adding, the league took a stance toward hit-to-the-head penalties, and now, Hockey Canada has caught up with what the NEAJBHL has been trying to do.

Rule 6.5 – Head Contact rule was approved by the Hockey Canada board in May, and is to be implemented as soon as hockey starts this season, according to the Hockey Canada website.

Part of the rule reads, "In junior hockey and senior hockey, a minor and a misconduct penalty, or a major and a game misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the referee based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who checks an opponent in the head in any manner."

The website also offers some clarification on the new rule.

"Referees should be aware of the tragic consequences of head injuries and concussions and strictly enforce the rule ... What previously may have been considered a legal check with a shoulder check to the head shall now be penalized as Head Contact if moderate or severe impact is made." More information is available on the website regarding the new rule, which also affects minor hockey players.

Personally, Rawlake says he doesn't feel that checking from behind is as big of an issue as it once was. He adds that some hits used to be "part of the culture of the game" but with the new focus on minimizing head injuries, kids are learning to play differently in minor hockey, leading up to the Junior B level.

"It's going to take some time" to reduce head injuries even more, but "it's nice to see the focus on this," said Rawlake.

This year's NEAJBHL schedule is also similar to previous seasons, with each team playing the other eight teams four times. Playoffs will also be organized in the same way.

And as far as the number of players currently playing with the Junior B teams, Rawlake says, "One thing I've learned about junior teams is that they're always looking (for players)." Some teams will have a strong core, but they will always be looking for a few extra players, he says.

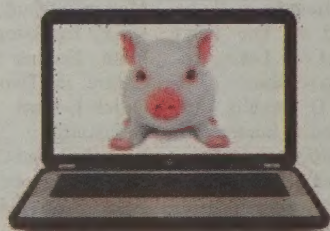
Rawlake understands it's sometimes tough to find players to join a junior team, as most potential players are out in the workforce or attending a post-secondary school.

"I tip my cap to the guys who run these teams," said Rawlake, who is confident that local teams will "find the right guys to put a pretty good product on the ice."

Good things come in bunches.

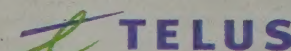


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